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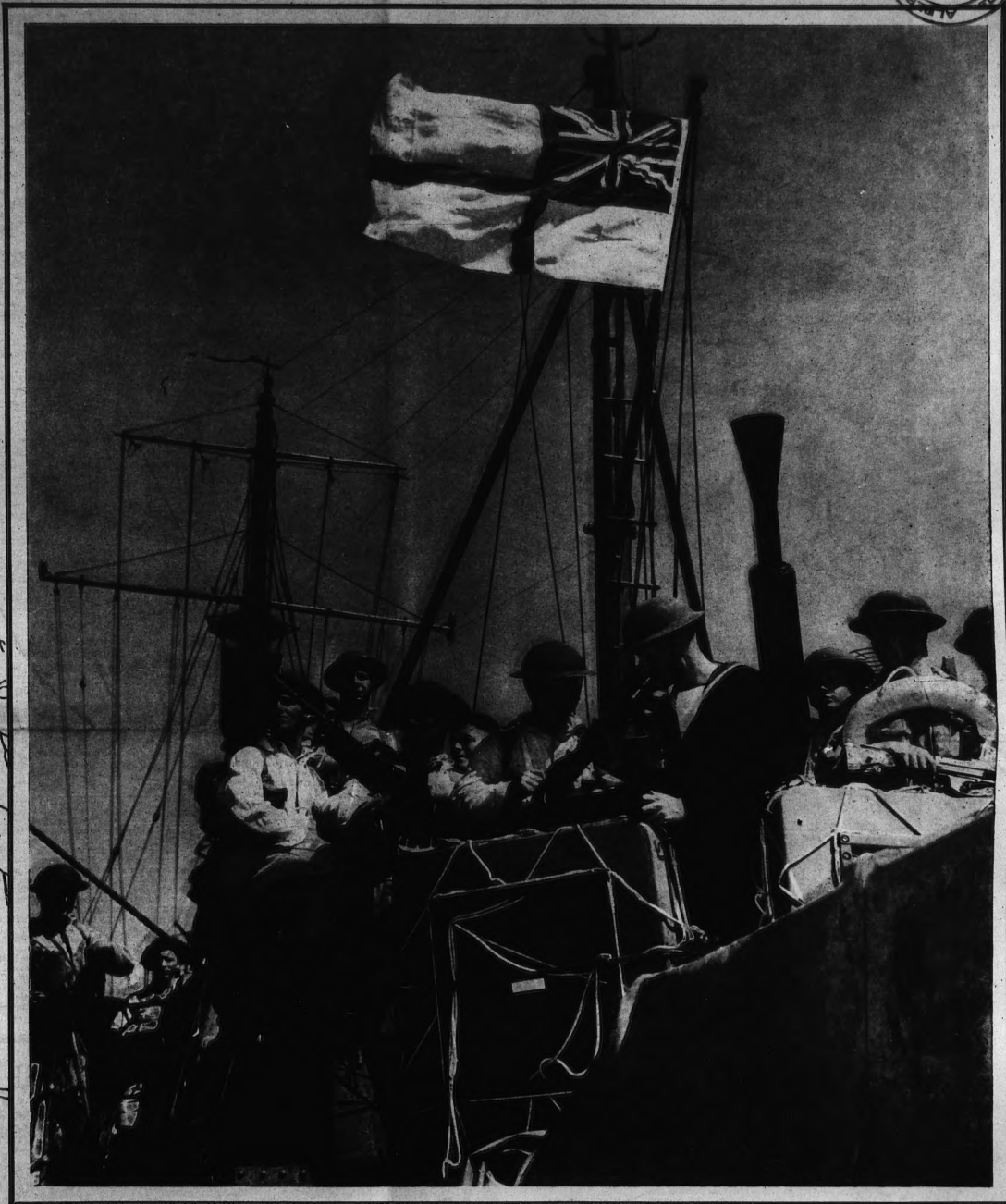
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"CARRY ON" (On Board Royal Canadian Naval Vessels)



ETERNAL LORD GOD, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; who has compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end; be pleased to receive into thy almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us thy servants, and the fleet in which we serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the enemy; that we may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King George, and his Dominions, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our Empire may in peace and quietness serve thee our God; and that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of our labors, and with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies to praise and glorify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Royal Canadian Navy Prayer

# When Cannons Have Been Stilled



He came,  
And in His coming men found peace  
As they before His manger-bed bent low.  
He comes,  
And at His coming wars shall cease,  
And hate shall pass, and man shall love his foe.

He spoke,  
And in His word was pardon free,  
And joy was theirs who brought to Him their sin.  
He speaks,  
And men today new life may see  
If they will know His cleansing power within.

He called,  
And men left nets and gold and all.  
They rose and followed Him where'er He trod.  
He calls,  
And they who hear the Master's call,  
Today go forth with Him to serve their God.

—Frank B. Keyes.



## Peace On Earth, Goodwill To Men

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!  
And in despair I bowed my head:  
"There is no peace on earth," I said;  
"For hate is strong,  
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!  
The Wrong shall fall,  
The Right prevail,  
With peace on earth, goodwill to men."

—Longfellow  
"Christmas Bells"

## VULETIDE CUSTOMS

WHILE in all Christian countries, the main idea of Christmas is to celebrate the birth of our Lord, yet each country has some particular rite or habit of its own, which gives to the keeping of the festival a distinctive, native touch.

Like so many other church holidays, Christmas has a pagan as well as a Christian background. December the twenty-fifth was fixed as the date of our Lord's birth by a Roman emperor, after the Christian religion had been officially accepted by the empire, centuries later than the Nativity. This date fell conveniently between the Roman Saturnalia and New Year, and the holiday-making and presentation of gifts, which were features of the Saturnalia, passed naturally into Christmas.

Christmas Day or Christmas Eve, however, are not the only dates for gifts. In parts of Quebec, following the French custom, while the children receive their presents at Christmas, the older members of the family wait until New Year's Day.

St. Nicholas, in Hungary, pays his call a couple of weeks before Christmas, while in other European countries gifts are made on January the sixth, the feast of the Epiphany, when the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Young Child, or on the Eve of that feast.

Spanish children on the night of January the fifth, expectantly put out their shoes and find in the morning that the Magi have visited them, too, with gifts, though probably not of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gifts in Italy also arrive on Epiphany Eve, but they come by way of the chimney, although Santa Claus is not their bearer. "Le Befana," mounted on her broom, comes down the chimney to leave the children's presents on the hearth.

Santa Claus visits in person each Finnish home on Christmas Eve, and leaves his gifts, while in Norway he emerges from underground on the night before Christmas with gifts for the family.

One wonders somewhat unhappily about the children of the aforementioned countries this Christmas. Inevitably thousands of European children will look in vain for gifts.

In England, Santa Claus comes down the chimney, finds and fills the stockings hanging from the mantelpiece, while here, with chimneys less conveniently arranged, he usually finds it easier to place his gifts on or under the Christmas tree.

The Christmas tree may take its origin from the green boughs with which Roman houses were decked at the Saturnalia, or it may have a more religious significance in some way connected with ancient rites of worship in the forest groves. As we know it now, it was not seen in England until the reign of Victoria, when, with the Prince Consort from Germany, came the Christmas tree. The old pagan midwinter feast of Yule was Christianized as Christianity penetrated north, and it may possibly be that the Christmas tree is a contribution to the season's joy from Northern Europe.

Light and joy always seem to be companions, which is one reason, no doubt, why we light our Christmas tree, but there is a still more beautiful lighting custom observed in some country districts of the older lands. That is the practice of placing a lighted candle in the cottage window and leaving a door open all night long on Christmas Eve, that the Christ Child may be guided and welcomed into the home should He be here on earth again.

The Christmas dinner occupies a main place in the day's proceedings everywhere; but, while the North American continent favors turkey, and goose is the main dish preceding a pudding in England, in some of the European countries fowl is not the traditional Christmas fare. Buried deep in the English plum pudding, which comes to table with a crown of flaming brandy, is a silver coin, a button, and a ring, to foretell events of the coming year for the assembled family. Particularly in the Scandinavian countries, the birds are remembered in the general feasting. For them a sheaf of wheat is set up,



## Words Of Bible Laud Virtues In "Giving"

A LITTLE research reveals that many of the familiar quotations on the virtues of "giving" have a sound basis in Holy Scripture. Though they were not all made in connection with "giving" at Christmas time, the verses below provide definite clues to the origin of the many more modern "give" slogans so often heard in the holiday season.

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.—Luke 6:38.

I have shewed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.—Acts 20:35.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.—II Cor. 9:7.

A gift is a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it; whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.—Prov. 17:8.

He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.—Prov. 28:27.

But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.—Luke 11:41.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.—I Cor. 13:13.

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee.—Deut. 16:17.

In some high spot in the open, that they may enjoy Christmas, too.

Naturally, churchgoing is a very important part of the Christmas celebration. In the countries of Southern Europe the Nativity is elaborately represented in the church, and on a smaller scale in convents and private homes. The Lutheran churches of the north, too, have a strikingly beautiful Christmas service, sometimes with a big, lighted tree within the building, while the chilly country churches of England have their grey-green lighted with the glossy leaves and glowing berries of the holly.

All these customs, sacred and secular, of many lands, make the Christmas celebration a blend of family and religious festival, which has—like the first Christmas—the church in the midst.

## THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CARD



THIS is a reproduction of the first Christmas card, designed by W. M. Egley, and published in England in 1842, the original of which is now in the British Museum in London.

According to museum authorities, heretofore, the earliest record of a Christmas card was one designed in 1843 by J. C. Horsley.

The Egley card depicts the holiday celebrations of the early Victorian period. The montage of four scenes shows dancers doing the Roger de Coverly, the old English country dance named for a regular literary character; a gay holiday dinner party with the traditional plum pudding

very much in evidence; distribution of soup to the needy; and cane-toting, top-hatted ice skaters. In the lower left-hand corner a crowd mills around a Punch and Judy show, and in the far right-hand corner a street group sings carols.

During the one hundred years since the appearance of this first Christmas card, exchange of greetings has become an outstanding feature of Christmas festivity. And probably this year, in a war-torn world, more Christmas cards will be sent than ever before as an expression of the deep love Canadians have for everything that Christmas presents.

The Same Old Wish—  
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D. OLIVER

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The New Year

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11.00 a.m., Senior school.  
2.00 p.m., Junior school.  
7.30 p.m., Public Worship.

"V"

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Rev. J. R. Hague, A.Th., Incumbent

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"V"

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3.00 p.m., Sunday School.  
7.30 p.m., Salvation Meeting.  
Tuesday: 7.30 p.m., Red Shield Aux-  
iliary and Home League.  
Wednesday: Sunbeam Brownies at  
4.30 p.m., Boys' Cubs 6 p.m.  
Thursday: 8 p.m., Praise Meeting.  
BLAIRMORE Gospel meeting every  
Friday at 7.30 p.m.  
Funerals and dedications on appli-  
cation to the local officer.

"V"

A high school principal who shep-  
herded her pupils safely from a blas-  
ting school house in Iowa, was burned  
to death, trapped in the flames after  
she went back to make doubly sure  
no one had been left behind.

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### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

(William H. Irwin)

If Christianity were represented as  
an island in the midst of an angry  
and violent sea, it must be said that  
the nations have embarked on an ad-  
venture that has carried them far  
from the security and safety that their  
home island affords. Every interest,  
the whole way of life, has been  
abandoned. The Prince of the island  
has been totally forsaken and forgot-  
ten. All human energies are consumed  
in living a life completely alien to  
that of their normal abode.

To accomplish the purpose of this  
alien existence one can have no  
thought for the Christ or for His  
realm of Peace and good will. Every  
recognition of Him is hampering to  
the war effort. The farther we pen-  
etrate into to the field of hatred and  
violence, the more of our energies we  
expend on the implements of destruc-  
tion, the more efficient we can make  
ourselves in the use of those imple-  
ments, the more life we can destroy  
and the more unhappiness we can  
promote, the sooner will the main  
purpose of our lives be accomplished.

Christmas is a diversion from these  
aims as unwelcome as any diversion  
is. It constitutes a drain on materials  
needed for a sterner purpose. It in-  
volves vast expenditures of money  
for reasons that we could easily dis-  
pense with. Sorely needed labor is  
absorbed in producing toys and fol-  
bles. Heavenly music throws the  
march of armies out of step. Common  
reason proclaims a moratorium on  
Christmas for the duration.

You might as well declare a mora-  
torium on the moon! Christmas rises  
inevitably on the appointed moment.  
The Christ refuses to stay unborn.  
Good will among men refuses to die  
even for a season. The light of faith  
and hope blazes out across the angry  
seas and a strange fragrance from  
eternal shores is wafted to the hearts

### THE INCARNATION

(J. R. Hague, A.Th.)

The Word was made flesh, and  
dwelt among us.—St. John 1:14.  
It was into the real world that  
Christ came, but, in many ways, it  
was very unlike our own. Science has  
changed the outward appearance of  
things, and there is now no longer  
one empire and one religion, such as  
existed then in the known parts of  
the earth. But under the surface, as  
many have pointed out, things were  
strikingly like our own period.

Since A.D. 1, there have been many  
dark ages, many times of despair and  
a "haunting" sense that man was  
played out, but ever again those  
whose faith has been that the hope  
of the world has come have built a  
better edifice upon the ashes of failure.

When Christ came into the world,  
He brought a new creative power, a  
new hope, into a decaying civiliza-  
tion. We should listen again to the  
meaning and value of history as it  
gathers itself into the great challenge  
of the Incarnation. The Incarnation  
means this and nothing else—the val-  
ue placed by God upon human his-  
tory. This did not and does not con-  
sist in luring humanity back to some  
utopian era, nor forward to some de-  
ceptive bliss: it consists in the pres-  
ent moment. The Incarnation—the  
Word becoming Flesh—declares that  
both past and future are wrapped up  
in the present and only out of the  
present—"now in the time of this mor-  
tal life"—can there spring any mean-  
ing for existence, any meaning  
for life or any consciousness of eter-  
nity. The Incarnation is God's revela-  
tion of the essential unity of present,  
past and future—the Eternal Now—  
and as we become aware of that uni-  
ty, so we become aware of eternity.

Surely it is for some purpose that  
humanity is today so laden with con-  
sciousness of the present. If there is  
any real meaning in the Incarnation,  
surely it lies in a challenge, never  
more clear and persistent, to Chris-  
tian people to find life's meaning and  
destiny out of life itself.

Christmas, 1943, ought to be one  
of hope for a better and happier  
world. Some take the view that there  
is so much uncertainty about the im-  
mediate future that with the thought  
of Christmas is mixed many varying  
emotions and a yearning for the care-  
free holiday spirit of the past. But  
that yearning will undoubtedly bring  
a sane reaction to the majority of  
thinking persons of the present day  
and crisis. For we must know that  
until the world is free, and until a  
new order of fair play and equality  
of opportunity is open for all, there  
should be few who can feel carefree.  
On the other hand, Christmas is the  
symbol of the only true basis upon  
which a secure future can stand. So  
let us mark it as it should be ob-  
served, and say truthfully, and with  
hope and faith,

"Merry Christmas."

of men. The tide of human power that  
can inundate an enemy force is help-  
less in dousing the eternal glow of  
Christmas. War is of a season, peace  
is for all time. "Weeping may endure  
for a night, but joy cometh in the  
morning." "The things that are seen  
(and felt, and heard in loud noises,  
and cost fabulous fortunes) are tem-  
poral, but the things that are unseen  
(and quiet, and unassuming, and free)  
are eternal." When the drums have  
ceased to beat, and the guns to roar,  
and the bombs to drop, and "The tu-  
mult and the shouting dies," the  
angel chorus will still be ringing out  
to cheer and encourage and save the  
souls of men—

"Glory to God in the highest  
And on earth peace and  
good will toward men."

School children are the only regu-  
lar purchasers of war savings stamps,  
having bought 25 per cent, or \$10-  
600,000 worth since 1940.

### CHRISTMAS

(E. B. Arrol, B.A.)

"Behold, I bring you good tidings  
of great joy which shall be to all the  
people."—Luke 2:10.

More than nineteen hundred years  
ago, while shepherds kept watch over  
their flocks by night, the angel of the  
Lord came upon them, and the glory  
of the Lord shone round about them;  
and the angel said: "Behold, I bring  
you good tidings of great joy which  
shall be to all people."

This is the sweetest message that  
the world has ever heard. It is a  
story that never grows old. Other  
stories soon become stale and flat and  
we do not care to have them read  
over any more; but this old story is  
just as sweet as the morning air on  
a spring day.

There is no story that has stirred  
the heart of the world as the story  
of the birth of Jesus Christ, born of  
the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Ju-  
dea in the days of Herod the King.  
We have heard this story over and  
over again because it has been told  
often than any other story. Yet it is  
still full of beauty and charm.

This story is new every Christmas  
morning, and the world lays aside  
its cares and sorrows. When the song  
of the angels echoes over earth and  
sky then the world is glad again. It  
is a story that brings gladness and  
cheer. Its message is full of hope  
and peace. It is also a message of  
forgiveness—God forgives—so let us  
learn to forgive others since we our-  
selves are so very much in need of  
forgiveness—

Have you any old grudge you'd  
like to pay—  
And wrong laid up from a by-  
gone day?  
Cather them all now, and lay them  
away when Christmas comes.  
Hard thoughts are heavy to carry,  
my friend,  
And life is short from beginning  
to end!  
Be kind to yourself, leave nothing  
to mend when Christmas comes.

The beautiful message that was  
sent from heaven on the first Christ-  
mas morning announced the birth of  
the new-born Saviour. It was sent out  
as "good tidings of great joy." Such  
a glad message as this should be  
cherished in the hearts of all who  
hear the good news.

Just singing about Jesus is not  
enough. Celebrating the glad day of  
Jesus' birth is not enough, Jesus is the  
new-born King, and as a King He ex-  
pects our wholehearted allegiance. He  
wants our loving obedience. The hap-  
piest people are those who are ob-  
edient to the heavenly King. Amid all  
the hurry and excitement, the gift-  
making and good will, the joy and  
the cheer of this Christmas season,  
let us stop a moment and take time  
to think that it is the birthday of our  
King.

But just one day's loyalty and love  
to the Christmas King is not enough  
to keep the heart warm and the life  
true for the remaining three hundred  
and sixty-four days. Our love and  
loyalty for Jesus Christ, our good  
will and obedience must overflow into  
the rest of the days and weeks and  
months of the year.

Christmas should be a time of joy  
and gladness; but this is not to be  
taken to justify the wasteful and  
questionable extravagances, the glit-  
tonies, the dissipation, the mean-  
ingless revelries, by which we deny the  
very Person whose birth we are pre-  
sensibly celebrating. There should be  
no party on Christmas Day at  
which Jesus would feel ill at ease.

I love to hear the story  
Which angel voices tell,  
How once the King of glory  
Came down on earth to dwell.  
I am both weak and sinful;  
But this I surely know,  
The Lord came down to save me,  
Because He loved me so.

The Doukhobor town of Brilliant,  
B.C., was partly destroyed by fire of  
believed incendiary origin last week  
end. An explosion took place follow-  
ing a meeting of 3,000 Douks, at  
which a Selective Service official out-  
lined alternative service required of  
Doukhobor conscientious objectors.

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- to our -  
Numerous Friends in The Pass

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A Merry Christmas  
and  
A Happy New Year

MAYOR E. WILLIAMS

## Let Us Be Thankful This Christmas of 1943

(Nabob Magazine)

As we sit down to enjoy the traditional good cheer  
of this Festive Season . . . Our table filled with  
Nature's lavish gifts . . . our hearts filled with  
gratitude that we may live in freedom and secu-  
rity to enjoy the blessings harvested from this  
mighty Canada . . . Let us spare a thought and a  
Prayer for those less fortunate peoples throughout  
the world . . . crushed under the dictators' heel,  
ravaged by the lusts of war . . . starved to feed the  
armies of a ruthless enemy . . .

And let us resolve that all in our power shall be  
done to alleviate this suffering, restore these tor-  
tured people to their status as free men, help them  
again to produce and enjoy that great abundance  
which is now the birthright of all peoples every-  
where.

Thus shall we enjoy the more our abundant  
Christmas cheer and ensure greater happi-  
ness in the New Year soon to begin.

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# Bankers On Nationalization of Banking

## Vital National Problems Discussed by Bank of Montreal President

George W. Spinney Gives "the Frank and Considered Opinion of a Banker" on Nationalization of Banking

### 126th ANNUAL MEETING Strongly Emphasizes Value of Victory Bonds Both During War and After

Problems of vital interest to Canadians in the transition from war to peace were discussed at the 126th annual meeting of Bank of Montreal shareholders by George W. Spinney, C.M.G., president of the institution. Among the subjects he dealt with were nationalization of banking on which he gave what he described as "the frank and considered opinion of a banker", the value of Victory Bonds in the war and after, and the need for a healthy, vigorous and flexible economy in attaining a high and increasing productivity essential for full employment and decent living standards.

Following a presentation of the profit and loss statement of the bank, as already published, Mr. Spinney spoke as follows:

"On the battle lines throughout the world, the past year has given us much cause for profound thankfulness. On the home front too the year has been one of achievement. But I think that any realistic view of the local scene must lead to the conclusion that the threat of inflation with all its attendant dislocation and hardship has in no way diminished in the past twelve months but has, if anything, increased. Moreover, I do not think it too much to say that by reason of the very success of the Allied forces, we in Canada are peculiarly vulnerable to the dangers of complacency with a consequent relaxation of our energies at a time when our full efforts should be sustained. In brief, I think we have a situation in which it is necessary for Canadians to draw upon their reserves of sound common sense and their capacity for clear thinking and self-discipline. For it is at a time such as the present that these qualities, displayed by those at home, can have a telling effect on the duration of the struggle and on our ultimate ability to meet and to solve the problems of transition from war to peace.

"Much has been said, and rightly so, concerning the spectacular wartime achievements of Canadian industry—achievements which would not have been possible but for the co-operation and untiring efforts of millions of Canadian workers who have brought to the task of our production the fullest measure of their energies and skill. I should also like to pay tribute to those responsible for no less remarkable accomplishments in two other fields—agriculture and transportation. The year has been a year of triumph for the United Nations and our ultimate ability to meet and to solve the problems of transition from war to peace. The manner in which Canadian farmers have met, and are continuing to meet, the demands of a vastly increased demand upon them, under extreme handicaps of shortage of help and scarce fuel, is deserving of the praise and gratitude of the entire nation. I should like also to say a word of appreciation for the service rendered by our two great railway systems. Despite scarcity of equipment and personnel, the railways are handling a traffic of passengers and freight in all-time record volume. The performance of such a task, under trying conditions of operation and with relatively little inconvenience to shippers of freight and to the travelling public, is a credit to the management and operating personnel of the railway systems may be proud.

#### THE WARTIME WORK OF THE BANK

"I think it would be quite in order for me now to draw attention to the manner in which our Bank has endeavored in a spirit of service to meet the changing needs of a nation at war. There has been little change in the volume of loans of both commercial and financial character, but in other directions the work has vastly expanded. Transactions in cheques and deposits, Victory Bonds and relative coupons, pouring through our hands have been a heavy burden already opened thousands of ration coupon accounts and handled coupons running literally into hundreds of millions. The ramifications of Foreign Exchange control also have added to our responsibilities. It has been necessary to cope with these situations with a staff which, by reason of heavy enlistments, is seriously depleted in its experienced ranks. Of their diligence and loyalty the General Manager will have something to say later on in this meeting.

"In the year just closed, our acquisitions of Government securities were on a reduced scale as compared with the preceding year, notwithstanding a substantial increase in the Government debt. You will, I am sure, appreciate my point when I say this is a development very welcome, since it is a direct reflection of the national effort to control inflation by financing the war to the greatest possible extent by taxation of the sale of bonds to individuals and other non-

GEORGE W. SPINNEY, C.M.G.  
President

bank investors. While the continued purchase of short term Government securities is a wartime duty which the Bank is glad to assume to the extent required, we are at one with the Minister of Finance in his desire to see that the money market is not a parasitism type of financing is kept to the practical minimum.

"Nor has our attitude in this regard been merely one of passive agreement. For our whole organization has focussed very special attention upon the matter of aiding in the sale of Victory Bonds and War Savings Certificates. I am proud of our record in these great national undertakings. By written word and oral persuasion we have done everything within our power to encourage depositors in this Bank to use their funds to the utmost limit of their ability to purchase Government securities and to pledge their incomes to the same end. But that is not all. Everyone is inclined to grant, and I am sure, that the direct arrangements designed to direct these securities into our hands are laudable. The significance of this service goes beyond the elimination of the obvious risks in keeping securities in one's own home for fear that they will be lost or stolen. The person who lodges his bonds at the bank for safe-keeping is, in fact, helping to perpetuate his savings.

#### VICTORY BONDS IN THE WAR AND AFTER

"You probably have read public statements recently that would imply that the banks and other large institutions have an interest in depriving the individual of his Victory Bonds in accordance with some deep-laid and sinister scheme of concentration of wealth. Such statements, it seems to me, cannot be the result of a thoroughly informed and unbiased appraisal of the facts. First hand knowledge enables me to speak on this point with some authority. As Dominion Chairman of the Victory Loan organization for a period of two and a half years, I was able to observe at close range the thoughtful planning and tireless energy which the Banks, Trust and Loan companies, Insurance companies, investment houses, together with all other responsible groups in the community, brought to bear in distributing Victory Bonds into the hands of small buyers and in endeavoring to have them bought. The success of these efforts have been attained in some degree by the measure by the increasing number of individual sales which have been made in Victory Loan campaigns. In the First Loan of June, 1941, there were 988,259 subscriptions. In the Loan just closed, there were over 3,000,000 sales, or say one sale for every four persons in the Dominion.

"In my view the widest possible distribution of Victory Bonds in public hands, apart from its necessity under present conditions, has tremendous post-war significance. For if the national debt is distributed among all sections of the community, the processes of repayment will be eased and facilitated. Moreover, the reserve of purchasing power, built up to-day by hundreds of thousands of Canadians through the purchase of Victory Bonds, can play a very real and im-

portant part in stabilizing the post-war economy and maintaining employment.

"I know there have been some fears expressed that there will be a rush on the part of individuals to cash their bonds at the end of the war and that the impact of this spending power on goods, which for some time will be limited in supply, will give rise to an even greater danger of inflation than now exists. This is a possibility I am not inclined to accept without reservation, for the desire to save and to provide for the future is a basic human instinct, and a habit which quickly takes root. It is true that the post-war years may have been either denied the opportunity or lost the habit of saving. During the war, saving has again become possible and is now not only considered respectable but has been elevated to the position of a patriotic duty. Many people are enjoying for the first time the feeling of independence which only a reserve of savings can bring. I suggest that the will to save, in a large measure, be projected into the post-war years if Canadians see to it that the habit of saving continues to be respectable and that the savings of the individual will be respected.

#### THE INDIVIDUAL AND GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL

"At this point I think it would be quite in order to make some reference to the much discussed subject of nationalization of banking. For it seems to me that the frank and considered opinion of a banker, who like most other Canadians bankers has come to the "hard way", is at least as worthy of a hearing as the views of ardent exponents of theories of state ownership. Let me say, therefore, as a banker, and as a Canadian citizen, that I am at a loss to understand what good object nationalization of banks would achieve. I need I am convinced that such a move would be productive of consequences gravely detrimental to the community at large.

"To be more specific, I cannot see that under nationalization the many varied banking services which the entire business and commercial organization depends, and which everyone is inclined to grant, would be performed with greater efficiency and despatch than they are now. I am inclined to believe that the individual in his dealings with a Government-owned bank would have to give up a certain degree of privacy or personal attention to his particular problems than he has at present. May I say that I am not in any way hostile to the idea of regulation, since the regulation of the money supply is a function already vested in the Government-owned central bank.

"Our position to-day is that there are ten banks actively competing with each other for business, and I can assure you that this competition is real and intensive. Under these circumstances if an individual has reason to believe that he is not being adequately served or that his proposals have not received due consideration by any one bank, there is nothing to prevent him from going to another. I think it is safe to say that under our competitive system a refusal of business by several banks would probably be sufficient evidence that the proposal was not one which, by any stretch of the imagination, could conform to good banking principles.

"The alternative which the proponents of nationalization offer in exchange for the free enterprise system of competitive banking is a government monopoly under governmental control. Under such a system the borrowing requirements of a customer were denied, for any reason whatsoever, would have no recourse except through the channels of special pleading or political influence.

"One of the most prominent proponents of nationalization, banking recently stated, as one of the points in favour, that control of finance is essential to the control of the whole economy. With the truth of this statement as applied to nationalization of the money market, I would most definitely agree. Set up a government monopoly of banking in Canada and the accumulation of the rest of the economy would scarcely be more than a "mopping-up operation." For if a governmental bureau becomes the sole distributor of money credit, it would be a disaster for Canadian industry

## Strong Financial Statement Showing Record Resources Presented by B. C. Gardner, General Manager

BANK SERVING 1,200,000 CUSTOMERS

Staff Now 58% Women - Relieving Many Men For Military Duty

With resources at the highest figure in the bank's history, the financial statement presented to Bank of Montreal shareholders by B. C. Gardner, general manager, reflected unprecedented strength and indicated the extent to which the institution was participating in the nation's war effort.

In submitting the 126th annual statement of the bank, Mr. Gardner commented briefly as follows:

"Our total assets now aggregate \$113,082,000 as compared with \$117,319,000 a year ago. Quick assets aggregate \$1,038,610,000, or 83.81% of all liabilities to the public.

"Notes of and deposits with the Bank of Canada amount to \$119,556,000 representing approximately 11.89% of all deposit liabilities in Canadian dollars.

"Investments, not exceeding market value, carried at \$799,848,000, show an increase during the year of \$118,701,000. This increase was mainly in our holdings of Dominion of Canada Deposit Certificates and other short-term obligations of the Dominion Government. Our holdings of Provincial and Municipal securities show some further contraction reflecting the lower borrowing requirements of these bodies.

"Current Loans and Discounts are little changed from the previous year and figures. Our Commercial Loans continue to reflect the reduction in inventories, the shortening of credit terms, the reduced activities of companies engaged in the financing of durable consumer goods, such as automobiles and household appliances, and the reduction of private debt.

In valuing our assets, special provision has been made for all bad and doubtful debts and for depreciation of securities.

"The services of the Bank have been maintained at a high level of efficiency in spite of the greatly increased volume of business resulting from wartime conditions. The rise in bank deposits has been accompanied by a rise in the number of Current and Savings Accounts and we now provide banking facilities for about 1,200,000 persons in the Dominion. This increase has been accompanied by an even greater growth in the volume of business transacted through our branches.

"In the loaning field the Bank has supplied, with Government co-operation, the necessary funds to finance operations of a character that would normally hardly qualify for banking assistance.

"In all of these operations we have little or no criticism from those who use our services and I should like to pay a tribute to our customers and to agriculture, the Canadian economy have already lost its independence regardless of the extent to which any field of endeavour may continue to retain the outward appearance of free enterprise. This, I suggest, is a point of view which, as well as owners and management, may ponder. For if the Government, directly or indirectly, is to attain control of the entire productive facilities of the country, such an important element as the production of goods, possibly hope that the vast reorganization involved would apply to every phase of the economy.

"In its primary aspects the matter of nationalized banking is one of the most important of the day. It is a question of credit; and even within these limits it concerns everyone owning or dependent upon a Canadian enterprise that may have need of day-to-day or seasonal credit accommodation. In its broader implications the issue is that of individual liberty of action as opposed to the concept of a central Government supreme not only in the field of legislative powers and responsibilities, but in the sphere of business, industry and finance as well. This would inevitably mean the domination by the central authority of all banking functions, conducted in a manner which must have recourse to credit facilities.

#### THE BANK IN THE POST-WAR

"For 126 years this Bank has played an important part in the commercial and industrial development of the Dominion. In all that time our facilities have been freely available to the Canadian people in the exercise of banking functions, conducted on their terms, without bias or political prejudice, and in accordance with principles which experience has proven to be sound. In this, we have I think played a not unimportant part as the boldest and most conservative of banking systems. Long traditions of soundness, care and experienced management, the essential soundness of the competitive spirit to progress, outlook and efficiency, have equipped us for the important part we are playing in the post-war years in a country where the problems and opportunities of the post-war years are so many and so varied. We must be helpfulness to the whole community."

"Our aggregate output. It does, however, suggest that for the duration of the war at least, any very marked advance in one branch of industrial production is likely to be at the expense of some other department of the economy. Already lack of manpower has affected the output of Canadian industries, such as gold mining, lumbering and newsprint.

"The period of huge additions to wartime manufacturing plants appears to be past, with consequent reduction in the level of construction activity and the use of construction materials. On the other hand, the demand for raw materials for the new productive facilities brought into being has increased. Moreover, as the war progresses, changes in the requirements of the fighting forces will necessitate re-adjustment in the employment of our industrial facilities.

"With production and employment at a high level, retail trade has been very active but some signs of a moderate tapering off are in evidence. This is in part a consequence of curtailed inventories of consumer goods, particularly in the durable goods categories, and is also the result of restraining influences of taxation and the voluntary savings effort undertaken by the Canadian people.

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of our male staff, 62% of those of military age have volunteered for service and are now on active service. This total included a large number not subject to military call-up on the basis of their marital status, while a number of others have volunteered but have been unable to do so on medical grounds. In August, 1940, 94% of our staff were officers, 80% stenographers and women clerks and 12% messengers. To-day the figures are 87% officers, 85% stenographers and women clerks and 5% messengers. I think you will agree that this is an important change in the composition of our staff.

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## German U-Boats Suffer Heavy Losses This Year

LONDON.—U-boat hunting Allied ships and planes probably destroyed upwards of 200 undersea raiders in the Atlantic from March to November, seriously crippling the submarine fleet which has been one of Hitler's main hopes for check-mating an invasion of Europe.

An announcement by Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt said that once again, in November, the number of U-boats sunk exceeded the number of their victims, even though increased caution by the Nazis presented the Allied sub-killers with fewer targets. The statement said Allied merchant ship losses in November were the lowest of any month since May, 1940.

The exact number of German submarines known sunk during November was not announced, but it was disclosed officially at the end of October that 150 U-boats had been smashed in the six months beginning in May, when the tide began shifting strongly toward the powerful terms of United States and Britain.

In the peak period of June and July, and again in August and September, U-boats were sunk at the rate of one a day, and even if this rate of destruction were cut in half, it would mean that 15 more submarines would be lost in November. Drawing from this to estimate the German U-boat losses for April and March, the total would come to about 200 sunk since March when, incidentally, the U-boat fleet was at its top strength of 800-plus ships.

It is well known that official reports along this line are exceedingly cautious. All in all it may be that 300 would be a conservative calculation for the nine-month period.

The Allies' losses caused by submarines for March never have been disclosed officially, but it would be safe to guess that such sinkings had to be counted by the scores, for Admiral Karl Doenitz, commander of the German navy, was able to keep about 200 undersea craft operating at all times.

The joint statement of Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt, issued here and in Washington, said use of bases in the Azores, Atlantic and Pacific, under an ancient treaty with Britain, contributed greatly to the month's success in the anti-submarine war.

"They called this success 'notable' because the Germans had exerted 'great effort' and had employed long-range aircraft to spot convoys and aid in concentrating U-boats against them."

"In spite of this, our escort and counter-attack has been effective," it was added.

## IN NORTH AFRICA

Churchill Gives Talk From Jeep To His Old Regiment

SOMEWHERE IN NORTH AFRICA.—Prime Minister Churchill climbed aboard a jeep before his old regiment, the 4th Queen's Own Hussars, of which he is honorary colonel, and in confident, predictive tones said he hoped the enemy would be brought to bay in 1944.

Wearing an army uniform with three rows of campaign ribbons and colonel's insignia, the prime minister told the regiment, now tank troops instead of cavalry, that the war is proceeding satisfactorily but the tenacity of the enemy must not be underrated.

Twice before in this war the prime minister had inspected the 250-year-old regiment which has seen action in Greece, Crete and has seen action in the present struggle. He viewed them when the hussars were "few and far between," before El Alamein in Egypt and at Cyprus last February after the Casablanca conference.

## BADLY DAMAGED

Traveller Estimates Three Years Needed To Restore Bremen

STOCKHOLM.—Allied aerial bombardment have badly damaged 70 per cent. of Bremen and its harbor districts cannot be restored to normal for three years, a traveller who has just returned from that German port said.

For days after the last American daylight raid Nov. 29, he said, no ships could sail up the Weser river into Bremen, all being halted 40 miles away at the mouth of the Weser at Bremerhaven.

The traveller, who was naturally restricted in touring Bremen, said a Nazi official told him between 6,000 and 7,000 persons had been killed in the raids and 20,000 wounded.

## Flying Florence Nightingales



These Canadian nurses, Jean Pinckney, 27, of St. Boniface, Man., left, and Emma Jordison, 27, of Swift Current, Sask., are two of the six Canadian nurses who have completed special courses to enable them to go into action with assault troops. They are known as Flying Florence Nightingales, their courses including parachute jumping and "battle inoculation."

## Wheat Acreage May Be Kept At Previous Level

OTTAWA.—A. M. Shaw, of the federal agricultural department, announced at the Dominion-provincial agriculture conference that it has been decided to recommend that the Canadian wheat acreage in 1944 be kept at the same level as in 1943. The 1943 acreage was 17,488,000.

An increase of four per cent. in 1944 oats acreage from 1943 had been suggested, but the conference had agreed to make the increase six per cent. Mr. Shaw said. Last year's oats acreage was 15,407,000.

The preliminary suggestion placed before the conference was that barley be left at the 8,397,000 acres of 1943, but the conference had agreed to a one per cent. increase for 1944. Mr. Shaw said corn for husking was urgently needed and an increase of 56 per cent. in the 1943 acreage of 257,000 acres had been suggested but the conference had felt an increase of 53 per cent. was all that could be assured.

It was agreed hay and clover acreage should be held at the 1943 level, 9,815,000 acres.

The alfalfa acreage of 1,544,000 also was unchanged.

Mr. Shaw said 95 per cent. of 1943 acreage in flax seed had been suggested, but conference delegates had indicated only 64 per cent. could be assured. This indicated there might be a decline of 1,000,000 acres in the area set aside for this crop.

The estimate of production hoped for would have to be revised down in light of what delegates had said, but the largest possible production was desired.

The federal government might have to take action to encourage output.

Seed supplies were such that rapeseed acreage in 1944 should reach 10,000 acres as desired and sunflower seed should reach 50,000 acres, said Mr. Shaw.

## SUPER BATTLESHIP

United States Has Launched Powerful Addition To Navy

PHILADELPHIA.—The United States navy floated its newest super-battleship, the Wisconsin, on this second anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor—and pointed it straight at Tokyo.

The sleek, high-moulted dreadnought, under construction more than 33 months at a cost of \$90,000,000, was launched "as an answer to the surprise attack which came to us two years ago today," in the words of the assistant secretary of the navy, Ralph A. Bard.

While the navy kept secret the details of the Wisconsin's construction, Jane's Fighting Ships gives the length of ships of her class as 860 feet and the beam as approximately 108 feet. Her displacement at full load is given, also unofficially, as 52,600 tons and her speed at 33 knots. Her main battery will consist of nine 16-inch guns, according to Jane's.

## ENGLISH PAPERS SMALL

MONTREAL.—"It makes us very jealous when we pick up these fat newspapers over here, Stanley Bell, managing director of the London Daily Mirror, said in comparing the wartime sizes of Canadian and American news publications with those in England.

Buy War Savings Stamps Regularly.

## ONLY SMALL STAFF

Will Be Required To Handle Work Of U.N.R.R.A.

OTTAWA.—Being an assistant to Santa Claus is a job which appeals to Canadians as being right down their alley. The United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration—U.N.R.R.A.—is scarcely a month old, but every mail to Ottawa is bringing applications for jobs, from all sections of Canada.

While the part played by Canada is providing supplies for the relief of occupied Europe when the Nazis are driven out will be substantial, there will be relatively few jobs available. The supplies will be distributed by the individual governments of the occupied territories. Hence, U.N.R.R.A. itself will require a very much smaller administrative staff than would be the case if it did the distributing.

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## Holds Regina Post



—Canadian Army Photo.  
Capt. Madeleine St. Laurent, daughter of Canada's Justice Minister, is now staff officer for the Canadian Women's Army Corps in Military District No. 12 with headquarters at Regina. She was one of the two officers appointed when the C.W.A.C. was formed in 1941 and has held appointments in Montreal and Quebec. She returned from a tour of duty overseas earlier this year.

## Farm Machinery Moves Into Top Priority Class

OTTAWA.—When the peasants of Europe return to their land to grow food for themselves again, Canadian farm machinery will be made available to them in substantial quantities, it was learned here.

A new board has been established in Washington, called the farm and food machinery committee of the combined production and resources board. On it will sit two Canadians, two Britainers and two Americans.

The job it will start on immediately is a big one. It will survey the world requirements for agricultural implements and the world capacity to produce these machines. Then when it has all the information it will draft a production plan and allocate production to various countries. Canada's part in this picture will be a substantial one.

It is expected here that actual production on farm machinery for Europe will start to roll early in 1945.

Farm machinery production has moved into the top priority class, the easing of our metal supplies will make possible substantial increases in farm machinery production next year but supplies will still fall far short of the demands of farmers for machinery. This is the picture of the farm machinery production disclosed to Canadian agricultural representatives meeting with the government here last week.

Canadian production of farm machinery is completely integrated with that of the U.S. This year our tonnage quota was set at 25 per cent. of 1940 production of new machinery and 150 per cent. for repair parts. Early in the new year machinery was up to 35 per cent.

Next year the Canadian quota will be 80 per cent. of 1940 new machinery and 160 per cent. for spare parts. The year 1940 was the biggest farm machinery year in Canada since 1928.

While our production next year will probably exceed 1940, rationing of supplies will be continued. While Canada has a lot of steel bars and other metals which can be used in making farm machinery, four critical bottlenecks will put a definite limit upon the amount of things we can make. These material bottlenecks will become worse instead of better and are expected to bedevil production schedules for the next 18 months.

After consulting with the provincial and federal agricultural authorities, the farm machinery production department has worked out a series of quotas for all types of machinery.

Next year the quotas for milking machinery and cream separators will be 185 per cent. of 1940 production. This represents a substantial increase over last year. Grain grinder production will be set at 197 per cent, potato diggers at 150 per cent, and combines at 110 per cent. Walking grass plows, on the other hand, will be dropped to 27 per cent. and horse binders will be set at 51 per cent.

## APPROVES PLAN

Governor-General Likes Idea Of Sending Scout Books To Europe

OTTAWA.—The Governor-General, Chief Scout of Canada, presided at the semi-annual meeting of the Boy Scouts Association of Canada, and said he is satisfied with what has been done so far this year.

"It is my hope that we shall keep up our numbers and increase them generally across the country," the Governor-General said.

He gave his approval to selection of Feb. 20-26 as our Boy Scout week in 1944 and consented to open the week with a broadcast address.

He also approved the association's decision to provide basic books on scouting in Polish, Flemish, Netherlands, Norwegian and Czechoslovakian languages for use in occupied countries as soon as the war is over. The association will spend between \$7,500 and \$10,000 on the project.

## FOR LUMBER CAMPS

German Prisoners Of War Will Be Working This Winter

EDMONTON.—Two carloads of German prisoners of war from the interment camp at Lethbridge, Alta., arrived here en route to lumber camps at Chisholm and Smith in northern Alberta. The train was guarded here by members of the Veterans' Guard of Canada.

The prisoners, first of a number of Germans who will be allowed to work in labor-short lumber camps this winter, will live in specially-constructed camps.

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## ALLOWANCES PAID

Excepting When Soldier Absent For 21 Days Without Leave

OTTAWA.—Defence headquarters said allowances to dependents of soldiers are not stopped for "crimes" or misdemeanors by the soldiers, except when the soldier's pay is stopped because he is absent without leave for more than 21 days.

They were commenting on a despatch from Edmonton which quoted W. J. Williams, manager of the Edmonton branch of the Canadian Legion, as saying the legion is investigating cases where allowances to dependents have been cut off because the husband is undergoing punishment.

## THE JAPANESE WAY

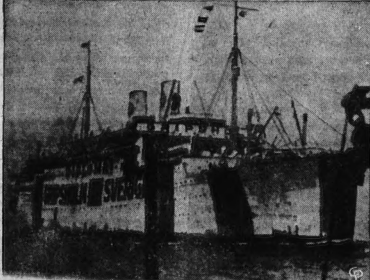
Jap Submarine Left Seamen Very Little Chance To Survive

LOS ANGELES.—Cadet Midshipman Maurice W. Price said two 300-foot Japanese submarines sank the cargo vessel on which he was a crewman, then:

"They stood by until our ship went down. Then they took from our lifeboats all our charts, signal lights, raquets, sails and masts, and broke our oars. Afterward they submerged and disappeared."

Price said 11 of the crew of 41 of the S.S. Henry Knox, sunk last June in the Persian Gulf, still are missing. Two others died in lifeboats.

## Arrival Of The Gripsholm



The S.S. Gripsholm, bringing home 221 Canadian repatriated prisoners of war from Japan as well as many Americans, as she arrived in port, Jersey City, N.J. At least 200 were bed-ridden.

## British Royal Family Sees "Army Show"



The British royal family is shown in their box as they attended a matinee performance of Irving Berlin's "This Is The Army," at the London Palladium. Left to right, Lady Louise Mountbatten, Princess Margaret, Princess Elizabeth, the King and Queen Elizabeth.

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Sir John A. McDonald was the first Canadian to sign an international treaty when he participated in the Treaty of Washington in 1871.

Dr. Robert S. Elliott, 69, of Parkville, B. C., died at Nanaimo last Thursday. Born at Pond Mills, Ontario, he practiced at Corbin, B.C., for seventeen years before moving to Parkville eight years ago.

## RED CROSS NOTES

The local Red Cross work rooms will close today (Friday, December 17) for the holiday period, and reopen on Friday, January 7th, 1943.

Two articles have been donated to help in raising funds for Red Cross work—a cut-work cloth and a pair of pillow cases. Tickets are now on sale and the winning names will be drawn Wednesday, December 22nd.

Subscribers and all wishing to make contributions to the year's total are reminded that the books close December 31st.—A. N. Smith, secretary.

A Calgary Chinese cafe proprietor has come up with a neat trick that should appeal to both war salvage authorities and the people who look after the advertising of war loan and recruiting campaigns. Instead of throwing old war loan and recruiting show cards into the ashcan, he put them to work. By carefully folding them and cutting them, so that at least part of the original message is still plain to read, he turns them into menu holders which present to patrons, not only the daily bill of fare, but also a reminder to support Canada's war effort.

## CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Christmas Service will be held in Central United church, Blairmore, on Sunday next, December 19, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening. The choir under the leadership of Mr. Moffatt, will lead in the service of praise. Anthems, solos, carols, will feature the service. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

FREEZING TEACHERS  
TO THEIR JOBS WITHOUT  
ADJUSTING SALARIES

Who Kees handed us this this morning. He says it is quite to the point: Qui miseros operi sanxisti lege magistris. Quodam addendo frigore, non pretio. Num officere edicti hiemali tempore templa. Ut vero emacis conficiatque gelu?

CHRISTMAS PARTIES  
TO CHEER CHILDREN

Miss Hilda Dullege, one of the trained children service workers sent overseas by the Queen's Canadian Fund, says that school teachers in Britain have been working for many months on their plans for the children's Christmas.

She says: "Every effort is being made to give the children the best Christmas they have had since the outbreak of war."

Mayors of all the 28 London boroughs and the outlying boroughs have been asked by the Lord Mayor to prepare and submit their plans for these parties, while the fund's regional commissioners have notified mayors in other parts of the country. School principals have submitted their reports stating the number of children who will attend and the amount of the grant required. In many cases the children have been allowed to choose the sort of entertainment they would like. The pantomime, when possible, is very popular. Last year 400 bombed children evacuated to Harrogate chose, as the Christmas treat provided by the Queen's Canadian Fund, a visit to "Cinderella" at the Royal Hall, Harrogate. The mayor and mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. Stephenson) were present to give the children a message from the people of Canada.

More toys will be available this Christmas than other years as the quota restrictions on toymakers and wholesalers have been raised for the month of December.

Canadian dollars are daily giving the necessary help for British children who are bomb victims, providing pleasant homes, good food and trained workers to help in Britain's nursery schools. Now, the Queen's Canadian Fund needs money to give the British bombed children a Happy Christmas and will welcome any gift you can give.

Large numbers of folks from the foothills district were in town on Saturday to do their Christmas shopping.

Extensive damage has been done to the local arena of late by some youngsters (or maybe oldsters) who have yet to be caught. If caught, nothing less than a good whipping should be administered.

Police are on the watch for boys or girls who are making a practice of marking up other people's property with school chalk. If any kid is caught in the act, he or she will be paraded around to make the cleanup.

The Alberta Liquor Control Board chairman announces that the January allowance of liquor will be 13 ounces, and that wine and beer rations will be as at present, one bottle of wine and a dozen bottles of beer to each permit holder a month.

It has been estimated that about 200,000 Canadians have syphilis, and that 30,000 will die prematurely with syphilis-riddled brains and hearts, and in many instances their families will become dependent on the state. Syphilis is a saboteur of industrial production.

## FIVE CHRISTMASSES

1939—What is this war?

1940—What if we lose?

1941—Can we win?

1942—We can win.

1943—We are winning.

Always bear in mind that thousands of our finest people have died to save us, and reserving for the bereaved a deep and lasting sympathy, we now can look forward to Victory and Peace on Earth.

## CHRISTMAS, 1943

In all the battered cities of Europe, even in Russia, there will presently be witnessed the poor, heroic efforts of little people to recapture a glimpse of the ancient light of Christmas. . . . Why? Because Christmas offers the one promise from which men can argue to a conclusion which makes sense.

All through the centuries men have been arguing with brilliant logic from opposite premises and have reached a conclusion which may fairly be called a world-madhouse.

"God so loved the world. . ." Whether you regard this as symbolism or as truth, it holds out the Brotherhood of Man as the one point from which all logic leads to sense, sanity and a hopeful outlook upon the Good Life.

So God bless the little people everywhere as they burn their tiny candles!—A.T.A. Magazine.

## WIDOW DIES IN TIME

Once upon a time we knew an invalid widow who, in 1934, had an income of \$3,400. She lived comfortably in a well-furnished house with two attendants. Her tax for that year, after deducting the full 10 per cent for charitable givings, was about \$73. If today she had the same income, the tax would be \$1,083. But as she was over 65 there would be no compulsory savings portion, so she would have had a tax of a scant \$900—a mere 26 per cent of the income.

The lady, if still alive, would probably have to move into an institution, for the tax could not have maintained both the home and the necessary attendants.

It will be argued in defense of this high tax, that it would be higher in Britain. But Britain in normal times has fewer indirect taxes. The iniquitous 8 per cent sales tax—something which Mr. Hsley calls the poor man's tax and which he inherited—has never been imposed in the Old Country.—The Printed Word.

## PIFFLE! PIFFLE!

J. A. King, chairman of the Alberta Liquor Control Board, probably meant well when he commented on the watering of liquor over the week end, but he didn't earn himself any popularity because of his statements.

"Reduction in the strength of liquors is not very important," said Mr. King. "All you have to do is put less water in your drink than you did in the past—then you have about the same strength drink as you always had."

"Not very important? Nerts!" was the reaction of most folks who read the statement. "If you put in less water, you get fewer drinks, don't you? But you still have to pay the government just as much."—Ex.

## AN OLD STORY

Oh, he preached it from the housetop. And he whispered it by stealth; He wrote all kinds of stuff about The awful curse of wealth. Yes, he spouted it and shouted it. And made the rich man wince; But an uncle left him money, And he hasn't shouted since.

Do your stuff and let 'em bellow. Do your best and let 'em rap. If you win, they'll holler "lucky." If you lose they'll holler "sap." Let 'em help, or let 'em hinder. You should worry—do your stuff! Your the guy you have to live with. Be yourself and treat 'em rough!

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have gone from our midst to fight in the Cause  
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Christmas and Wish You Joy and  
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### COWLEY HAPPENINGS

Dec. 11.—Mr and Mrs. Lynn Martin, of Corbin, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin and family.

Joe Wilson is spending a few weeks with his sister, Mrs. Roy Buchanan, and family at Pincher Creek.

A cablegram was received from Pilot Officer Benton Murphy, announcing his safe arrival in England. After an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Murphy, Mrs. James Wilson and small son David returned to Athabasca.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kazikoff and small son Freddie have moved on land near Nelson, B.C., where they will reside in future.

Owing to Mrs. Griffith Perry being indisposed, Mrs. K. Martin is substituting for her in the junior room of the village school.

Sam Kalmakoff, who has been bedridden for five or six weeks suffering from a broken leg, will soon be around again.

On Wednesday Morris Lemire had the misfortune of suffering three broken ribs while working in his father's garage when a spring in a car he was overhauling let fly, striking him on the side. He was taken to Macleod hospital for treatment.

When riding a horse on the ranch on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Alma Poulsen had the misfortune to fall, breaking two ribs. She was taken to hospital at Pincher Creek.

A well attended whist drive, sponsored by the Red Cross, was held in the Masonic hall on Wednesday evening. Prizes were won by Mrs. Michael Elton, ladies' first; Mrs. E. F. Everett, consolation; Harry Smythe, gent's first; Michael Elton, consolation. William Cochran was master of ceremonies, while Mrs. Cochran and Mrs. Arthur Tustian were hostesses for the evening. After enjoying an appetizing luncheon, a lively dance took place with music by Mrs. Tustian at the piano and Mrs. Robert Littleton on the xylophone.

"V"

### TIM BUCK COMES FROM ENGLISH TORY

An article published last June in Toronto Saturday Night, says: "Tim Buck is a chip off the good old Tory block in the old country." For hundreds of years the Bucks from father to son, were innkeepers at Beccles, Suffolk. This village was so Tory-minded that Oliver Cromwell had to take it by force. The inhabitants stubbornly held that the rights of the king were above those of the people.

The Comox (B.C.) Argus, where Tim Buck had been speaking recently, explains the strange development in the Canadian Tim Buck. It says:

"His father lost the inn, and Tim had to go to work at the age of 12. He took a small part in the Labor party in England before he came to Canada in 1910. He was just an ordinary union member of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers in eastern Canada until he went to Detroit to work in the Ford plant. It was in Detroit that he studied Marxian socialism. It was not until 1931 that most Canadians heard the name of Buck, when he was thrown into jail as being a member of an unlawful organization. In jail he was stupidly treated, but it did not make him bitter, twisted soul. He is in deadly earnest, he has a fine brain and for good or ill he is a man to be reckoned with in the future of Canada."

"V"

The Alberta government's liquor profits are greater now than ever. They are charging you now the same price for supposed to be water as you formerly paid for liquor.—Ex.

An early resident of Coleman passed away on Sunday last in the person of Alfred John Phillips, aged 69. Born at Blaina, South Wales, he came to Coleman in 1910, returning to Wales in 1913. He returned to Coleman in 1923 and had resided there since. Remains were laid to rest on Wednesday afternoon. He is survived by his wife, three sons and six daughters.

### FROM SOMEWHERE IN ITALY

The following letter was received in Blairmore recently by Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Orlando from their son, Pte. G. Orlando, of the Fifth Battalion, 2C BRDCA(CMF), somewhere in Italy:

November 21, 1943.

Dear Mom and Dad:

Here I am writing to you again from Italy. I guess you have been wondering why I am writing so often. Well, to tell the truth I have more time on my hands than enough.

At the present time I am sitting out on a porch, with a scorching sun beating down on my chest and bare feet. Just across the street is a beautiful orchard with luscious glittering oranges and big juicy apples. There are also lemons there, but they are not ripe enough yet. Everything is just about the same way as you have described to me before. We get all the wine we want very cheap, and some of it is awfully strong.

I had a very good and enjoyable trip from England to Italy, but for three days I was awfully sick—in fact I couldn't even eat.

I've seen some beautiful scenery here including Mount Vesuvius and Pompeii, and I have been in Naples. Naples is a very beautiful city with Mount Vesuvius towering high up above. The people in Italy are very friendly and kind to us and treat us as friends, not enemies. So far I have been getting along good with the people. In a way it's hard for me to speak good Italian, but I'll guarantee you in two months I'll speak real good Italian.

Now, here is one thing I want you to remember, and that is not to worry about me, because I am quite safe and well, and am not in a front line outfit. I am a permanent establishment with an outfit, and that means I will not go into action, so don't worry about me. One thing I want from you, Dad, is your mother's address, and also your sister's. There's no telling that in time I may run across them, and it sure would please me to find them. If you can get me some addresses in Southern Italy, I will be able to go and visit those people very easily, so don't forget.

Say hello to everyone for me and send them all my regards. I have not had a letter from you for two months, so write soon.

I guess there's no more for now, only I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Good-bye for now, with love,  
Geno.

"V"

Who wants to see Switzerland Berne?

Maxie Chisvin, of Winnipeg, was arrested at Edmonton as he attempted to take fourteen cases of liquor from a Winnipeg-Edmonton train. He was arrested as he parked his automobile beside a sleeping car shortly after the train pulled in.

Sergt. John N. Cawsey, head of the Criminal Investigation Bureau of the Calgary sub-division of the RCMP for the past five years, and Alberta policeman since he joined the provincial police force in 1917, has retired from active service.

On escort duty round India's coast and on ocean passages, in patrolling and minesweeping, vessels of the Royal Indian navy steamed well over half a million more miles in the six months ending June 30th than in the corresponding period of 1942, doing a total of 1,500,000 miles. One ship, HMIS Juna sailed 51,179 miles, representing an average of 140 miles a day during twelve months.

A Saskatchewan subscriber of The Enterprise writes: "It's pretty hard going for me here. Last year was the first time that I had a good crop, and I still got it in the granary. The wheat board won't let me sell it, only enough to pay expenses. This quota business and acreage is the bunk. I have close to a thousand bushels of wheat here, but they won't let me sell any of it. All I was allowed to sell was 15 bushels from each of 12 acres."



The world is a' a rush, ye ken,  
There's nae much rest for business men;  
But here's a hearty greeting—  
May Christmas bring you Muckle Joy,  
The New Year luck wi'out alloy;  
And a' your cares be fleeting.



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TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE  
CHRISTMAS  
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Not one of our children  
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The skies were all peaceful,  
But in future take care  
That St. Nick be the only one  
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WORLD HAPPENINGS  
BRIEFLY TOLD

Canadian, British and American engineers plan an early London meeting to discuss world standardization of weights, measures, etc.

A. V. Alexander, first lord of the admiralty, opening a Navy League exhibition, said the admiralty intended to continue support of the work of the Sea Cadet Corps after the war.

Princess Elizabeth rode to hounds for the first time recently when she accompanied the King and Queen on a visit to Queen Mary at her country home.

Air Commodore S. P. Simpson, air officer commanding, R.A.F. station, Gibraltar, has been appointed acting air vice-marshal.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Minister of Aircraft Production, says that 40 per cent. of the workers in the aircraft industry are women.

The Indian army now is 2,000,000 strong, "and growing at the rate of 60,000 a month," the BBC reported in a broadcast.

The four big British toy manufacturers, all doing war work, have completed plans for quick reconversion so they can go after the world market once held by the Germans.

New Zealand has completed several hundred houses in a project which includes 3,600 dwellings in Auckland and Wellington alone, and returned servicemen will be given a 50 per cent. preference in the allocation of all houses built.

## Foot And Mouth Disease

Owing To Vigilance Has Never Gained Entrance Into Canada

Owing to the constant vigilance of the Health of Animals Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture, and to the enforcement of restrictive measures taken to protect Canadian live stock and the live-stock industry, the dread Foot and Mouth disease which has ravaged many countries has never gained entrance into Canada. With this aim in view a caution was issued in the summary of proceedings of the recent meeting of the Central Canada Veterinary Association held at the Dominion Animals Diseases Research Institute, Hull, P.Q. During times of war, states the summary, too much emphasis cannot be placed on Foot and Mouth disease, an infection which potentially could paralyze the food producing industry of Canada and of the United States. Therefore, all conditions bearing a resemblance to this infection should be thoroughly understood.

In California, a new disease made its appearance a number of years ago, which was thought to be Foot and Mouth, because of the symptoms presented in swine. The outbreaks of 1932, 1933, and 1934 were classified as Foot and Mouth disease but in reality they were this new disease—vesicular exanthema. To date this disease has been confined to the State of California. It is an infection spread by feeding meat scraps to hogs and because no pork has been exported from that State it has been confined strictly to that area. Lately, however, the number of pigs in California has increased enormously and there is likely to be a considerable amount of exportation which will probably result in vesicular exanthema being spread to other parts of the United States and possibly into Canada.

Outbreaks presenting symptoms suggestive of Foot and Mouth disease should be dealt with immediately.

Forks are not the best means of reaching for the toast in an electric toaster. There is danger of a short circuit.

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ON WASTE!

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SAVES FOOD

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DECEMBER 19

CHRIST THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW

Golden text: God . . . hath at the end of these days sent unto us in his Son. Hebrews 1:1, 2. Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-9; Romans 10:4-10.

Devotional Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Explanations and Comments

**Christ the Final Revelation of God.** Hebrews 1:1-3. In early times God spoke to the fathers of mankind through the prophets. "The prophets" here includes all those who had spoken for God, all the great men of Israel from Abraham and Moses onward through the prophets themselves. The author is speaking not of the forms in which God spoke to the prophets, but of the modes in which he spoke through them to the fathers. The message took the form of law or prophecy, of history or psalm; now it was given in signs, now in types (A. S. Peake).

But now, at the end of these days, in the Christian dispensation, God has spoken to us through the Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he made the universe. The author accurately experiences no difficulty in attaching to one and the same Personality the creating of the world and the dying to cleanse sin. He who is the end and aim, the heir, of all things is also their creator (Marshall Doda). "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. In the beginning was the 'Logos, Word, or Wisdom. Wisdom was with God from the beginning; that is, God was always Wisdom, and not a material thing. All things were made by Wisdom, or God. The God who is wisdom and not matter, was in the world, and the world was made by him, but it knew him not. Finally Wisdom, or God, became flesh, and tabernacled among us, and we discerned his glory, a glory as of an only-begotten with the Father, full of grace and truth" (Richard La Rue Swain).

**Honest Labor**  
War Has Taught Some British People Value Of Work  
Hope that the war had taught British people that skilled craft was as creditable as clerical work was expressed by Charles Ede, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education.

"Many boys and girls live a life of frustration in some respectable clerical job because their parents think that honest dirt is something of which to be ashamed," he said.

**FRIENDSHIP DEMONSTRATION**  
Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, wife of China's president, told Congress in a cable that repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act had demonstrated anew the United States' friendship to China "in a deed which will echo round the world."

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## THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

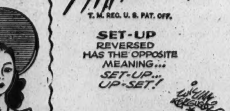
**HUMAN BLOOD TRANSFUSED INTO ANY ANIMAL EXCEPT THE HIGHER MONKEY CAUSES A MOSTAL REACTION! IN GORILLAS, CHIMPANZEEES, AND ORANGES, IT MANGLES THEM TO DEATH!**



**PLAYING GODS**  
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**SET-UP REVERSED HAS THE OPPOSITE MEANING—SET-UP-UP-SET!**



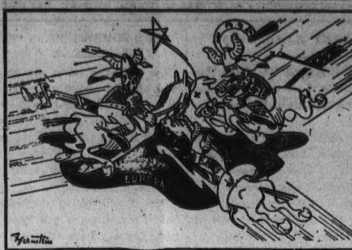
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## REG'LAR FELLERS—Movable Nuisance

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## Dairy Farmers

Farmers Are Congratulated On Production During 1943

The Canadian farmer is to be congratulated on his production during 1943, and it is very questionable whether dairy farmers of any other country, except perhaps the United Kingdom, can show a better production record this year as compared with 1942 than those of Canada, stated J. F. Singleton, Associate Director of Marketing Service, Dairy Products, Dominion Department of Agriculture, in a recent address to the Dairy Industries Wartime Conference at Toronto.

Dealing with some of the developments in the Canadian dairy industry during 1943, Mr. Singleton said that, while some dairy products might have been at times in short supply in certain parts of Canada, the condition was not due to decrease in the total milk production, but was brought about by meeting demands for exports of cheese, evaporated milk, and butter under contract to the British Ministry of Food. The inclusion of cheese and dry whole milk in the parcels sent by the Canadian Red Cross Society to prisoners of war, exports of cheese, butter, and evaporated milks to various units of the British Empire and to possessions of foreign countries sustaining governments in exile, and by the increased requirements of the various armed forces of Canada, were also factors to be considered.

It was estimated that total milk production in Canada during 1943 would be equal to, if not exceeding that of 1942, and would be about 11 per cent. higher than in 1939.

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MANITOBA FIGHTS V.D.

With the support of churches, service clubs, lodges and other voluntary organizations as well as the public health authorities, the Young Men's Section of the Winnipeg Board of Trade has conducted an intensive community social-hygiene campaign. The educational program was not confined to Winnipeg, but is being extended to Brandon, Portage la Prairie, The Pas and Flin Flon.

In each centre speakers were made available to various organizations and special attention was given industrial plants, where large numbers of workers were reached with publicity and noon speakers. The churches co-operated with appropriate sermons. Personal letters, personal contacts, posters, booklets, motion pictures and advertisements were used to spread the message of prevention.

Reasons for the campaign were set out as follows:

1. Venereal disease is a foremost wartime health problem; its control is important to a successful war effort.

2. This is a strategic time to develop venereal-disease education.

3. Venereal-disease education is one of the most challenging of all public health educational efforts.

4. As an effort to deal with a wartime industrial problem, the campaign can be conducted on a dignified and positive basis.

Many other Junior Boards of Trade, from coast to coast, are preparing to conduct similar campaigns, most of them to start with Social Hygiene Day, next February 2. The Health League of Canada, through its Social Hygiene Division, is preparing materials for an intensive national educational program.

## Fibre Crops

Fibre Flax Is Used In Many Ways

In The War As the Fibre Division, Dominion Experimental Farm Service, is the only organization in Canada carrying out investigational work on fibre crops, the work of the Division is particularly important during wartime. The increase in the acreage of fibre flax in Canada from about 10,500 acres in 1939 to 45,000 acres in 1942 shows the importance of fibre flax for war purposes. Years of investigation as to modern types of machinery in the field for pulling, lifting, and binding, and in the mills for scutching line fibre have been the basis for wartime assistance in developing and equipping modern flax mills. Officials of the Division also give assistance to new operators of flax processing machines on the best methods of operation so as to produce the highest quality of fibre. New growers of flax are also informed about the best methods of growing, harvesting, and retting.

Buy War Savings Stamps Regularly.

## Cattle Increase

Beef Cattle Are Prospering On Ample Feed Supplies

Canada will enter 1944 with the largest—and healthiest—cattle population ever reported at the opening of a year, officials forecast.

Since 1937, when Western Canadian drought conditions led to severe reductions in herds, the cattle population has increased by about 500,000. Beef cattle, prospering on ample feed available from the 1942 crop, are averaging many pounds heavier than in past years. Dairy cattle are in good condition, with the average milk production per cow higher.

On June 1, cattle and calves on farms totalled 9,600,000, compared with 8,080,000 in 1937. The second year count comes on Dec. 1, when there is usually a falling off due to autumn marketing. But authorities said it was probable that the number on Dec. 1 would be about 9,500,000.

## New Inventions

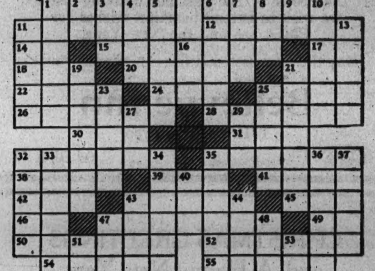
Many Things Considered Impossible Are Now A Reality

People must beware of swallowing every story that comes out. They will do well to accept with caution even some of the latest rumors about developments in the field of medicine. They should not expect that the motor cars of the immediate post-war period will be startlingly different from those still in operation.

But they also know that it would be foolish to say of every new development, as did the small boy on seeing a giraffe for the first time, "There ain't no such animal!" The old saying, "Nothing is impossible," seems to be too sweeping. But many things once considered impossible are no longer so. In this day and age, an over-credulous mind may be an invitation to trouble, but an over-skeptical one stands in the way of progress.—Brantford Expositor.

## X-X OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE X-X

No. 4857



## HORIZONTAL

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12 Excursion  
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## LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



"Don't you dare answer that phone. . . It's probably another price change!"

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# OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—"PROBATIONER"

—By—  
Margaret Fenton Headland  
McClure Newspaper Syndicate

THE first time Peter saw her she was walking down the hospital corridor with a pot of red tulips in her arms. Tall and slim, her smooth black hair parted in the middle and her large gray eyes intelligently alert, she wore her uniform like a queen's robe.

Peter drew a deep breath. "Who is she, Mac?" he asked a fellow inmate. "Anne Bradford," Mac watched her disappear into the women's ward. "She's a probationer—came in last fall. Renshaw's put her on the flower service for a while. She's afraid if she started her taking temperatures the readings wouldn't be accurate—at least not in the men's ward."

"Introduce me," begged Peter, but Mac shook his head and hurried away, leaving Peter to recall a dressing in the women's ward which could be done now as well as later. Old Mrs. Fagin was crocheting. "I'm tired of lying here," she grumbled. "Every day you say the job is better but every night it keeps me awake."

"The leg really is better, Mrs. Fagin. So much better that I'm going to let you walk a bit today." Peter found himself listening to Anne Bradford's low voice as she talked to another patient. "At my home in Holland, Michigan," Anne was saying, "there are thousands of tulips like this every spring. People come from many States to see them."

Was it Peter's imagination or was there a strain of homesickness in her fresh young voice? He lay back in the corridor. "You Peter England," he said. "My home is near Holland and I've seen the tulips many times. They're wonderful, aren't they?"

She smiled in a way that lighted up her whole face and they stood and talked together until Peter saw Miss Renshaw, the supervisor, get out of the elevator. "See you again," he said softly, and went to his room.

In the weeks that followed Peter and Anne became real friends. Peter confided his anxieties to her as a surgeon as Dr. Sykes and was able to keep Anne from uttering discouragement on several occasions when Miss Renshaw's sharp tongue had brought tears to her eyes.

Gradually Miss Renshaw learned that Anne Bradford had something more than a lovely face and excellent posture. She saw that she was loved by every patient with whom she came in contact, that she was quick and deft with her hands and had a real love for her hard profession she had chosen. And one day when two emergencies came in within an hour, she gave Anne her first bit of responsibility.

Peter wasn't around to hear the supervisor say to Anne, "There's a case just coming down from surgery into the women's ward. Stay with her until Miss Renshaw comes up from the emergency room. Report any unusual occurrence immediately. No medication—of course."

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## Our Boys And Girls On Active Service

(By J. G.)

HE got the Military Medal. A simple statement, but here's what Acting Corp. Melvin J. Taja of National Mills, Manitoba, did in Italy, to win it. At daylight, Aug. 4, miles carrying weapons and ammunition for a M.G. platoon were either killed or dispersed. Taja worked forward under fire, removed the locks of the guns, making them valuable to the enemy. He lost his platoon, and reported to the Regiment and found two enemy machine gun emplacements holding up the advance. Despite the fire, he crept out again and got guns and ammunition back on several trips, which took him four hours. Thus the Regiment was enabled to advance and silence the emplacements.

Canadian Navy men have unusual experiences. Lt.-Commander W. D. Brown helped to pick up survivors of a Nazi U-boat in mid-ocean. The man to climb aboard was the sub-captain. Brown immediately recognized him as a merchant seaman he had met in Rotterdam before the war. They recognized each other. "I didn't want to talk to him," said Brown, "and I guess he felt the same way."

Many of your prairie boys are in Labrador. The cold winter nights are to be endured by varied entertainment, according to a report from the Knights of Columbus Army Hall. A concert is on tap for this month at which guests will be members of the R.C.A.F. and United States Army.

Popularity of Canucks overseas is evidenced by the fact that more than 41,000 have been invited to spend their furloughs at British homes. Able Seaman Barber W. Sewell of Stony Mountain, Manitoba, where he used to be a guard in the penitentiary there, was on shore patrol duty one day when a sailor was down in the platoon because he couldn't go ashore. He offered to do it himself. Sewell offered to do it himself. Sewell offered to do it himself.

2nd Lieut. M. J. Horner, daughter of Senator R. B. Horner of Blinn Lake, Sask., has been transferred by the CWAC to Saskatoon to take charge at that point. What a family record. Anxious to see the world, she is a recent recruit in the CWAC. Mary Chromod of Ebenzer, Sask. Her father, Nick H. is with the Veterans' Guard of Canada. A brother Johnny is overseas, and Bill is with the army in Canada. Eileen, out of a group of girls, just enlisted have one to three members of the family in the services.

## Itching Scalp

A Simple Home Treatment

If your scalp has broken out with ugly rashes, redness or irritation, use Dr. J. H. Williams' Itching Scalp Treatment. It is a simple home treatment with an equal quantity of olive oil. It's easy to use. Just rub it into the scalp with your finger tips gently rubbing into the roots of the hair. Do this at least once a day and about every fourth day shampoo using a good soap. Soon you'll find this combination start right in promoting faster healing. Continue the treatment until the itching and the itching has disappeared. Continue for 2 weeks, and if then you are dissatisfied get your money back. Druggists everywhere sell Williams Oil.

## Trade Is Lively

Sale Of Proverbs In Holland Does Not Stop

In Holland they are saying it with proverbs. Shop windows carrying signs like these: "Who says the wind will reap the whirlwind." Or: "Everything will come out right." Or: "When the need is greatest, relief is near." A Dutch Nazi newspaper is quoted by the office of war information as having complained at the lively trade in proverbs.

## VILLAGES WIPED-OUT

The Germans have acknowledged that two entire Polish villages were wiped out and more than 1,200 other Poles were killed in retaliation for 16 assassinations in the Bialystok province of Poland last July, the Polish telegraph agency reported.

## I STOPPED "DOSING" MY CONSTIPATION AND CORRECTED THE CAUSE!

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## Not Much Revenue

Major Of The Salvation Army At Edmonton Tells This Story Major R. Shaw of the Salvation Army Corps at Edmonton reports the following incident: It appears there was too much swearing on the Alaska Highway, so the men in one of the Administration offices at Fort St. John decided to put in a box in their office and the penalty for every "cuss" word was one dime. This slowed up the swearing so effectively that soon there was no more money going into the box. They opened it, and sent the contents, one dollar to the Salvation Army with the enclosed note: "Sorry that we don't swear more on the Alaska Highway but \$1 is the best we can do."

## Apple-a-Day Apron



Fun to make, fun to wear is this simple, sprightly apron, Pattern 4575. You can perk it up with ruffles, decorate it with an apple for apple time (pattern for applique is included) or have it just plain. It's mighty pretty. A really smart gift. Nice, too, with a bit of contrast.

Pattern 4575 is available in sizes small (32-34), medium (36-38) and large (40-42). Small size takes 1 1/2 yards 35-inch fabric. Send twenty cents (20) in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) for this pattern. Write plainly Size, Name, Address and Style Number and send orders to the Anne Adams Pattern Dept., Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermott Ave. E., Winnipeg, Man. "Because of the slowness of the mails delivery of our patterns may take a few days longer than usual."

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## Woman Diplomat

Once Crossed Canada With The Mobile Canteen

Mrs. Betty Gibbs—who has just been appointed one of Britain's few women diplomats—is no stranger to Canadians.

The vivacious, sparkling brunette, appointed attaché on Lord Halifax's Washington staff, rattled across Canada in 1941 in the "Iron Duke."

Reporters who interviewed the sprightly English woman during her pilgrimage remember her as "good copy," charming, friendly and interesting. Probably it was these qualities that got her the job, a few months later, as receptionist at the British Embassy in Washington.

From the front door of the embassy, she walked herself to an attaché's office in the inner sanctum, and it is quoted as one of the key members of the Washington staff.

Mrs. Gibbs, who was widowed in 1941, had two steps in school in Eastern Canada, but the boys now back in England attending Eton. She is a daughter of Sir Harold Snagge, a London banker.

Following Mrs. Gibbs as receptionist is Mrs. Yoskyr Gurdon, who was a companion on the Iron Duke, and who is a relative of Prime Minister Churchill.

## Aid To Britain

Hon. Malcolm MacDonald Pays Tribute To Canadian Farmers

Right Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, said at the formal opening of the Export Food Show held recently in Ottawa, that the occasion provided him with an opportunity to pay tribute on behalf of the people of Britain to the vital part Canadian farmers have played in the war.

"To survive their ordeal they had to be in possession of a few things. First they had to have a fearless spirit; that they were given by Divine Providence. Then they had to have a strong right arm with which to deal some counter blows at the enemy—that was provided by the immortal group of boys who manned the R.A.F. in those days."

"But also the people of Britain needed sufficient food to keep body and soul together until the forces of freedom all round the world should come to their rescue to help them to beat back the Nazi conquerors. That essential food was provided in large measure by the farmers of Canada, and you have gone on providing it through all the difficult times that have passed since."

## The Other Enemy

Fog And Icebergs Bring Additional Worry To Atlantic Convoys

These are the days—and the nights—when "the other enemy" creeps in on the long silent convoys running without lights in the wartime Atlantic to bring additional worries to the men who travel the sealanes. That "other enemy" is the Will-O'-the-Wisp of the weather—fog and icebergs—fog, spawn of the Labrador current and the gulf stream that meet off Canada's eastern seaboard. Icebergs, treacherous aftermath of a long, bitter winter.

Ships have been lost to that enemy, though no craft of the Royal Canadian Navy yet has run afoul of the big bergs.

And the Navy puts it bluntly in a press release describing this business of wartime sailing through rough winter seas: "It's hell cutting your way through a pea-soup fog with a 40-ship convoy."

It's hell, say the Navy, because of the shroud that hides 40 slicing prow huddled for protection, because the tension plays tricks on your sense and in the silent oppression you wonder if your reason's snapped.

## FOOD SHORT IN PARIS

Reports filtering out of France reveal that food is so short in Paris that nearly 1,000,000 persons will have to be evacuated to rural areas this winter to avoid widespread starvation; food packets from friends in the country are all that sustain some Parisians now.

The letter M has varied only slightly in design from early Phoenician times to the present.



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## Earthquakes In Japan

Geologists Believe Islands Will Eventually Disappear In Pacific Japan has had much trouble with earthquakes. A number of the United States Geological Survey, says, the Japanese islands will eventually disappear completely below the waters of the Pacific.

Japanese scientists reveal the fact that an island in Kyushu Bay vanished 800 years ago, drowning 5,000. However, we are not likely to get rid of the Japs in that manner. Japan may stay above water longer than some other countries. Scientists show that South America, not so long ago, as geological periods go, was completely under water. The chalk cliffs of England were manufactured by tiny marine creatures at the bottom of the sea. And you find oyster shells on high mountains, lifted up from the ocean's bottom—Chatham News.

## WHY WORRY?

Why should we worry about rationing? Ask a reader, when our forefathers did not have the following until:

Sugar—13th Century. Coal fires—14th Century. Bread and butter—15th Century. Potatoes and tobacco—16th Century.

Coffee, tea and soap—17th Century.

Pies and puddings—18th Century.

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Mrs. E. Scraba has been confined to her home through illness, but is reported improving.

**FOR SALE**—Milk cow, just freshened, good milker. Apply Joe Ondrik, Coleman (Blairmore Road).

A dance hall at the army servicemen's barracks at Halifax was gutted by fire on Saturday night.

**FOR SALE**—Grocery and Confectionery; stock and fixtures. For particulars apply P. Chardon, Blairmore.

Miss Shirley Bannan, R.N., is up from Vancouver to holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Bannan.

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Coleman Elks will hold their annual ball on Christmas Eve.

His Majesty the King will make his customary broadcast to the Empire on Christmas Day.

A man down east left his home and family to undertake the superintendence of another piggy.

The Christmas edition of the Cardston News made its appearance on December 9th, containing 14 pages.

Canadiap live stock ate thirteen million tons of food last year, most of it grain, including one-fifth wheat.

Canada's wheat acreage is expected to increase next year as a result of higher prices and expanding markets.

T. H. Duncan, proprietor of the Bellevue Inn, has been under the weather for a week or so, but is able to be around again.

Twenty doctors examined a British soldier for physical defects, some suggesting this and some that; but all overlooked the fact that he had a rubber nose.

Lt.-Col. L. Ursaki, in command of Salvation Army work in Alberta, is being transferred to Nova Scotia, to be succeeded by Brigadier A. Raymer, of Ontario.

Mrs. G. Steeves, who has been quite ill, is reported improving.

Police and firemen at Montreal were out on strike for fourteen hours on Tuesday.

Lethbridge citizens are asking for the street sprinkler to come out and ally the dust.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Maniquet, of Trail, spent a couple of days this week visiting relatives here.

Posters are out, announcing Blairmore Elks' annual ball, to be held in the Columbus hall on New Year's Eve.

The Alberta government plans on a \$1,000,000 roads programme, in 1944, in the way of construction, gravelling and oil surfacing.

Mr. F. M. Thompson returned from the coast by Wednesday night's train, and is assisting at the local store during the Christmas rush.

The Crows' Nest Pass experienced six degrees of frost on Wednesday morning and two degrees yesterday. Good for December. Touch wood!

Mervyn "Red" Dutton, formerly of Calgary, is mentioned as likely nominee for the presidency of the National Hockey League, according to a Boston paper.

Mr. William Bird, West Canadian Collieries' salesman at Winnipeg, was in town during the week. Asked about the family, he replied: "Oh, Mrs. Bird and the little birds are all fine." Bill loves to see the old tramping grounds once in a while.

## Local and General Items

Mr. A. R. Granger has been confined to his home through illness.

A new sign was placed over the Blairmore firehall entrance on Monday.

An exchange says: When, in a 10-minute conversation, a man says "hello" and "good-bye," he's talking to his wife.

J. M. Wheatley, of Chancellor, president of the Association of Alberta Municipal Districts, is opposed to his scheme of enlarged districts.

The Lethbridge Herald celebrated its thirty-sixth birthday anniversary on Saturday last. In its time Lethbridge's population has about tripled.

The Prices Board has placed ceiling prices on live turkeys, geese and ducks. For turkeys this is 29 cents in Manitoba and Alberta, and 28½ cents in Saskatchewan.

The late William H. Daly, who passed away in the Drumheller district on November 30th, travelled west in a covered wagon in the year 1879. He was in his 70th year.

The marriage took place at the Anglican church, Blairmore, on Saturday, December 4th, of Mrs. R. Hulbert and Mr. E. X. Hill, both of Coleman, Rev. J. R. Hague officiating.

In a graduation class at No. 9 B. & G. school, Mont Joli, on December 9th, C. B. Wilson graduated as a sergeant air gunner. Becher is now spending his furlough in Blairmore at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilson.

T. Uphill, M.P.P., and G. Wilkins, were down from Fernie on Monday.

The Greyhound Corporation netted \$8,546,144 for the first nine months ended September 30, 1943.

Mosquitoes, yellow butterflies and pussy willows have made their appearance throughout Alberta during the week.

The curse of liquor is no worse than the curse of diluting it before it reaches the customer without a similar reduction in price.

Miss L. Perry arrived this week from "down north," where she is employed on the Alcan highway, to spend the Yuletide at home.

"Double-O" Davis, who has been at Whitehorse, Yukon, during the summer months, has returned to Edmonton, where he and Mrs. Davis have taken up residence.

Lord Strabolgi, chief labor whip in the House of Lords, states that 100 days will be as important as the 100 days before Waterloo, and that Hitler will meet his fate with a that time.

Mrs. (Rev.) J. N. Wilkinson, formerly of Pincher Creek, passed away in Calgary on Sunday last. She is survived by her husband and one sister, Mrs. E. Morton, Belleville, Ontario.

Paper license stickers for Alberta motor cars are expected to be available by February 1st. They are to be displayed on windshields and on the rear window. They are 5½ by 3½ inches, with a color combination of black on orange background.

A quiet wedding took place in Blairmore on December 1st when Lewis Coste, of the RCAF, stationed in Newfoundland, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Coste, of Fernie, was united in marriage to Miss Fernie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morris, also of Fernie. Rev. E. B. Arrol performed the ceremony.



AUCTION SALE OF TIMBER

CROWS' NEST - BOW RIVER FOREST RESERVE

TIMBER SALE No. 341

The right to cut certain timber on the following lands will be offered at public auction at the office of the Acting Forest Superintendent, 128 - 7th Avenue West, Calgary, Alberta, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the thirtieth day of December, 1943:

1/2 of Section 31, Township 4, Range 3; Sections 25 and 36, Township 4, Range 4; Section 6 and that portion of Section 7 outside the limits of License Timber North No. 39 in Township 5, Range 3; 3/4 and NE 1/4 of Section 1, E 1/2 of Section 12 in Township 5, Range 4, all West of the 8th Meridian, an area of 6.75 square miles, more or less. On these lands there is estimated to be five million lineal feet of fine killed spruce and pine suitable for the manufacture of mine timbers and three million feet board measure of fire killed spruce and pine suitable for the manufacture of lumber but only such timber shall be cut as is marked or otherwise designated.

The sale will be offered at an upset price of 1-5c per lineal foot for fire killed mine timber five inches up to but not including nine inches at the butt. On all other products dues shall be payable at the rates prescribed by the Forest Reserve Regulations with the exception of fire-killed sawlogs on which dues shall be payable at the rate of \$1.50 less per thousand feet board measure than the rate prescribed by the Regulations.

The purchaser will be allowed until May 1st, 1944, to cut and remove all timber covered by the Conditions of Sale.

Each bidder will be required to deposit with the officer conducting the sale a sum of \$1,000.00 in cash, bank draft or accepted cheque on a chartered bank in Canada or by certified treasury branch order cheque or certified non-negotiable transfer voucher payable to the Provincial Treasurer before being allowed to bid. Agents will be required to file letters of authorization from their principals before bidding. The deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them at the conclusion of the sale and that of the purchaser held as a deposit to guarantee compliance with the terms and conditions of sale.

Full particulars may be obtained from the Acting Forest Superintendent, 128 - 7th Avenue West, Calgary, Alberta, or the Director of Forestry, Edmonton, Alberta.

T. F. BLEFEN, Director of Forestry, Department of Lands and Mines, Edmonton, Alberta, November 27th, 1943.

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# Season's Greetings

## Deeds Make Fine Gifts

Don't you sometimes wish you were a millionaire, more especially around Christmas? For it seems to be around Christmas that most of us need every penny, and around this time we start to really work. There are so many gifts to be made and bought if we would remember friends and neighbors.

I wonder if any of you who are in the same boat as I, have thought about making this a Christmas of deeds? Ideas come from funny places sometimes, but I thought of this one when I saw my sister's pile of undarned socks. Four growing sons wear many a hole in many a sock and I have often heard her say that could she just get to the bottom of that seemingly endless pile, all other work would seem easy. So this Christmas, instead of a parcel, she is going to receive a note, and the note will read something like this:

Merry Christmas, sister. I'll take your heley socks And mend them all quite neatly. Now fill this empty box With stockings, mitts and patchy things until it is quite full. I'll mend for you at least a week. But don't forget the wool! Perhaps you have a sewing machine and are quite handy at home sewing. You might offer, in verse if you can, to run up that dress that your friend has been intending to do for so long and has just never got around to doing.

If you are the proud possessor of a washing machine, that neighbor who has a new baby would count it the best gift she ever received if you were to send her a Christmas card offering to take her soiled sheets for the next month and then send back sweet and clean. It would help her out of all proportion to the time and effort you will expend.

But wait, you may be a woman who simply can't find a spare minute to do any of these things, because your own family takes up all your time, your own darling looms immense and your own sewing is piling up. But think a bit. Wouldn't you like to give a gift to that friend who also has two or three small children? Then give her a day. Take the children for a day. Plan a simple dinner, stretch it a bit, stand an extra bit of noise, wipe a few extra noses, dry a few extra tears, pull up more panties, hand out more cookies, straighten out more squabbles, and give her what you yourself would love—a day to yourself. It might even work so well that she will make the gift mutual, and imagine—just imagine what you could do with a whole uncluttered day!

If you live near the schoolhouse and someone you desire to remember doesn't, why not offer to give her little girl a hot meal with you once a week? There are few people who would not consider that a real gift and so long as you haven't a big cash outlay for food, one extra plate won't mean a great deal. But if you must buy all the food for your table that is another matter, and it might be better to squash your generosity than to rue it when the grocery bill comes in.

I seem to be blessed with good neighbors, and one of them with-out intention given me a year-round gift. I trust she reads this and repeats it as a present this Christmas. My circumstances are such that I am unable to take my eldest little girl to the odd concert or picture show that comes our way. But on every occasion when she would have missed such delights, this woman has generously offered to take her along with her own children.—Mary.



## The Party In The Barn

One winter's night when the cold winds blew,  
Three birds into a red barn flew;  
And there they sat high over the hay  
And talked about things they had done that day.

They liked the barn—it was snug and warm,  
And there they were safe from the raging storm;  
Up from a stall came a friendly "Moo!"  
And some mice climbed up to say, "How do you do!"

The horses whinnied and called up, "Neigh,"  
(Although that was not what they meant to say),  
And the little pigs grunted to let them know  
They were glad they were safe from the wind and snow.

As time crept on and they should have slept  
An all-night chattering-fest they kept.  
And what do you think it was all about?  
A party for barn-folk who couldn't get out!

When a clock called out to the rooster to crow,  
And the farmer looked out on the ice and the snow,  
'Neath the red barn's roof six sleepy eyes closed,  
And the three birds slept 'til—goodness knows!

Came Christmas Eve. There was such delight  
Where the animals lived that winter's night!  
The wind hid the barn in a raging storm,  
But within its walls it was snug and warm.  
Each stall was dressed in a sprig of green,  
With bright red berries worked in between,  
And a sprig of mistletoe hung high  
Outside the pretty girl's sty.

A hen led them all in the rousing song,  
"We to Macdonald's Farm Belong!"  
Then they all gathered 'round where the lantern was hung,  
And a cow rang her bell while the carols were sung.

They played old games that were so much fun!  
And they all told jokes—When a hog told one  
An old horse laughed 'til his sides were sore,  
And he rolled on the hay on the old barn floor.

They formed a ring when 'twas time to eat,  
For the birds had provided a wonderful treat—  
There were apples and corn, and a chocolate cake  
That a man had thrown out (his wife couldn't bake!)

The gifts came next—how they opened their eyes  
And grunted and chuckled at each surprise!  
For the hens there were worms (like one sees in the rain)  
In a box wrapped in lovely red "Cellophane."

The bull looked grand in his red bow tie,  
And the rooster's new comb made the chicken girls sigh!  
Each horse had a brush to spruce up his tail  
And the goose got some rouge 'cause she looked so pale.

The cow got books on "The Best Way To Chew,"  
And each mouse got a toothbrush and picks (just a few),  
The pigs' curling pins made them squeal with delight,  
For now they could curl all their tails just right.

They sang and they played 'til all fell asleep  
On the well-trimmed hay, and not even peep  
Was heard from the birds or the small barn mouse  
When Santa Claus called at the farmer's house.

The three small birds who had worked so hard  
Always had friends in the old farmyard  
Who shared with them all they had to eat.  
For their kindness in planning that Christmas treat.

—WILLIAM J. COWLS

## A Prayer For The Forces Of The King

O Lord God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the forces of our King in every peril of sea, and land, and air; be with them in the day of battle, and in time of training keep them safe from all evil; endue them ever with loyalty and courage; and grant that in all things as they serve their Country they may serve thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The New Year

Ring out wild bells, to the wild sky  
The flying cloud, the frosty light;  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring happy bells, across the snow;  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Tennyson.

## ASK FOLKS TO DINNER

CHRISTMAS week provides a delightful opportunity for asking friends to dinner—whether the guest list is made up of only family members or those outside the family circle. There is something about this sparkling cold season that instills in every hostess the desire to gather an intimate group about her . . . and to serve them with the finest foods her kitchen can produce.

With your table stretched to full capacity, cover it with a creamy damask cloth which has dinner size napkins to match. If you have only white damask, try "dipping" your favorite; the color will disappear in the first tubbing if you want the cloth white again . . . which you probably won't since an off-white forms a rich background for gleaming silver and colorful china. Besides, many decorators claim it is more artistic than white.

Flowers always make a perfect centerpiece. But since we can use flowers throughout the year and it is only at this season that fruit and vegetables seem apropos, my vote is for these garden products, which if carefully selected as to color and form, well polished, and attractively arranged, are a picturesque display of Mother Nature's own colors.

A well-shaped and sizeable pumpkin covered with cotton batten makes the simplest container for these products and when filled to overflowing with rosy apples, is both colorful and appropriate. Squash may be used also—cornucopia style, slightly tipped with the apples piled round about. An old-fashioned silver cake basket may offer the same assortment.

Be sure that your best silver is gleaming, and set the table with care. Ivory candles are always correct, but for this dinner you may wish to "pick up" the colors of your centerpiece, which if done carefully, makes an effective unit with the central piece.

Serving the food in the kitchen directly onto dinner plates is becoming more and more popular, because it gives a table an uncrowded appearance at all times. However, if you have planned a triumphant-appearing crown roast of lamb . . . a roast turkey or duck, you are justified in your desire to have your guests see the creation in all its juice-bursting lusciousness before it is mutilated by the knife. A side table solves this . . . the carving may be done there after the guests have oh-ed and ah-ed at sight of it in its entirety. Or it may merely be brought in, then removed to serving pantry for the carving.

## CHRISTMAS

I have always thought of Christmas-time, when it has come round—apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that—as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by a consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. And therefore, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good, and will do me good; and I say, God bless it!

From a Christmas Carol (Charles Dickens).



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